ASSERTS U. S. NAVY IS KEPT UP-TO-DATE

Capt. McKean of Bureau of **Operations Before House** Naval Committee.

STATES HIS PREFERENCE OF COASTAL SUBMARINE

Believes Vessels Should Be of 400 Tons Type—Admiral Grant's Statement.

War plans for the navy to meet any mergency are kept well up-to-date at all times, Capt. Josiah McKean of the bureau of operations today told the House naval mittee. His statement was affirmed by a letter from Admiral Dewey to Chair Capt. McKean saw no benefit from the

reation of a general staff.

Representative Roberts sought to show that the present navy organization imposed enormous responsibility on the chief of operations, without given ing him full authority to command all the elements of the fleet and the dethe elements of the fleet and the de-partment with whi h he must work to keep intact and ready for instant use the country's first line of defense. Capt. McKean said the plan was working out well, and disapproved any change in the organization for the present or until fuller information was obtained as to what was needed.

Discusses Japanese Program.

Representative Roberts asked what Cant McKean knew of the Japanese building program for her navy. He read a statement showing that a three-hundred-and-fifty-million-yen program would add eight dreadnaughts and eight battle cruisers to her fleet. Capt. McKean said his understanding

was that the program contemplated a total fleet of that capital strength, as Japan had no dreadnaughts or battle cruisers when it was adopted. The program might have been extended, he said, but he had heard nothing to that

said, but he had heard nothing to that effect.

Representative Britten said he thought Capt. McKean was mistaken as to the total strength of the proposed Japanese fleet, but the witness insisted that mis interpretation was the correct one. To Representative Kelly he said the Japanese program, when completed, would find the United States with seventeen dreadnaughts in commission, all of which have been authorized, although without adequate scouting ships or battle cruisers.

capt. McKean disagreed with Rear capt. McKean disagreed with Rear Admiral Grant as to the size of future submarines. He thought the bulk of the flotillas should be of the purely coastal type of 400 tons as against 800-ton boats recommended by Admiral Grant for all uses. The witness thought a greater number of submarine bases should be established on the coasts than Admiral Grant proposed, limiting the radius of action of the smaller boats to 300 miles or less.

Plan of Coast Defense.

Under examination by Representative Oliver, Capt. McKean agreed that the coasts in the shortest time possible was to hasten construction of submarines, destroyers and aircraft. He insisted, however, that building of capital ships should be speeded up simultaneously, as they were the real dependence against they were the real dependence against any emergency.

"Unless we retain control of the open sea against the fighting fleet," Chairman Padgett interjected, "would not our coast be open to landing?"

"Always," Capt. McKean replied.

Gives Confidential Information.

Rear Admiral Grant continued bethe same committee yesterday afternoon, giving confidential Meeting to Be Held in Room 20 at information in an executive session throwing considerable light on Europea naval secrets. Capt. McKean agreed with Admiral Grant that even with the governnent's present five-year ing completed the United States navy

would be a poor third in sea strength. The military affairs committee worked in the army bill in executive session yeserday. It was said by a member of that ommittee late in the day that it will not e surprising if the committee reports gislation providing for a standing army f 200,000.

CORRUPTION CHARGED IN RUSSIAN RECRUITING

Refugee Relief Funds Also Declared to Have Gone

Astray. BERLIN, February 18, by wireless to

Sayville, N. Y.—"A Russian newspaper publishes sensational disclosures conerning illegal exemptions from military service," says the Overseas News Agency. "The secretary of a recruiting committee at Petrograd and a large number of military surgeons have been arrested. They are charged with having accepted amounts ranging from 10,000 rubles up in each case.

"The Russian press also reports that a Moscow committee for the relief of refugees received 200,000 rubles from the government in December of 1915. The president of the committee, Prince Troubetskoy, stated later that 200,000 rubles more was sent to the committee in December and 700,000 rubles in January, but that this money never reached its destination. The leakage has not yet been explained.

Strong Opposition.

"This corruption, together with the reactionary policy of the Russian authorities, caused a strong opposition movement among members of the duma. After the downfall of Premier Goremykin the new premier, M. Sturmer, attempted to calm the storm by meeting the party leaders individually. Most of these leaders declined to receive him. He then invited the leaders to afternoon tea in order to establish har-monious social relations, but this move was equally unsuccessful, as was demonstrated by the recent convention of the party leaders."

ANOTHER COLD WAVE COMING.

Weather Bureau Says Temperature May Drop to Freezing by Tomorrow.

Another cold wave is on the way! Within the next thirty-six hours it will hit Washington, the weather bureau announces this afternoon, and from a temperature of 55 degrees registered today thermometers will drop to freezing, probably, by tomorrow morning. The general cold wave warning is sued by the weather bureau this morning was this afternoon extended east ward to the coast, from Virginia north-ward. The cold wave will not be any way near as severe as the one of the first part of the week, but will be noticeable in contrast with the pres-ent high temperatures.

RIFLE CLUB FORMED IN P. O. DEPARTMENT

Officers Are Elected and Final De tails of Organization Effected. Five Hundred Join.

Final details of organization, which included the election of officers, were nated by the Post Office Department Rifle Club at a meeting las night at the office of the chief clerk of the department. Every division and every office of the department was represented. It is stated that 500 employes have signified their intention of joining the club.

The following officers were elected President, William I. Denning, chief clerk of the department; vice president, M. O. Chance, postmaster, Washington, D. C.; secretary, Malcolm Kerlin, superintendent division of registered mails; treasurer, W. W. Smith, assistant chief clerk of the department; executive officer, W. B. White of the chief clerk's office.

Purpose of Organization Explained. The meeting was addressed by Capt. William C. Harllee, U. S. M. C., and Maj. Fred H. Phillips, jr., secretary of the National Rifle Association, who explained the scope and purpose of the organization and how the rifle range at to support his contention that a mer-Post Office Department's Rifle Club. Arrangements have been made for the use of two galleries, one to be located in the Washington city post office and the other to be located in the pasement of the Post Office Department building. It is expected that ultimately the club will have a membership of seven or eight hundred, with accom-modations for all.

DIRECTORS OF DEFUNCT CONCERN NOT TO BLAME

Absolved by Receiver of Responsibility for Defalcations of J. Barton Miller.

The directors of the defunct First Cooperative Building Association of Georgetown will not be held responsible for the defalcations of John Barton Miller, former secretary-treasurer of the association. E. Hilton Jackson the new receiver of the association, today reported to the District Supreme Court that after careful consideration he had reached the conclusion that proceedings should not be instituted to question whether the directors by carelessness or mismanagement were in any degree responsible for the dis-appearance of the assets of the asso-

Court Adopts Receiver's View.

Justice McCoy adopted the view o Mr. Hilton and signed an order reliev way to increase protection of the ing the receiver from the necessity of bringing suit.

Mr. Jackson, in a recent report o the affairs of the association, submitted to the court the question of responsibility of the directors. The court then ordered the law points investigated and it was the result of this inquiry on which Mr. Jackson based his report to exonerate the directors.

D. C. WORKERS TO FORM ORCHESTRA WEDNESDAY

4:45 P.M .- Entertainments Planned.

Walter C. Allen, head of the District electrical department, has announced to foreign belligerents and also to "make that a meeting will be held in Room 20, District building, at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, for the purpose of organizing an orchestra from the employes of the District. Questions regarding a conductor, the time and place for rehears. ing, the music to be played and other matters of importance will be dis-

Mr. Allen has rounded up twentyfive musicians, including twelve violins, one viola, four cellos, one harp, two cornets, one trombone, one saxophone one flute, one clarionette and a drum. Several pianists are available. One of the players has offered the use of his large collection of orchestral music. The District workhouse and jail are the first local institutions to request ment by the new musical organization.

that they be favored with an entertain Blue Plains, the National Training School for Girls and other District in stitutions are to be given compli-mentary programs. The orchestra ex-pects to make its first public appear-

GREECE SENDS MILLIONS TO THE NEW YORK BANKS

NEW YORK, February 18.-The government of Greece has been transfer ring millions of dollars of its funds from London to New York within few months, according to New York bankers, who estimate that \$75,000,000 of Greek funds is now on deposit in a large number of banks here. This action is regarded by bankers as a precautionary move in case of a break in the relations of the Greek govern-ment with the entente allies.

KING GEORGE FELICITATES CZAR ON RUSS EXPLOIT

LONDON, February 18 .- On the re ceipt of the news of the capture of Erzerum by the Russians King George dis patched the following message to Emperor Nicholas:

"My heartiest congratulations upon the splendid achievement of your gallant troops in capturing Erzerum after such hard fighting, which I trust will have far-reaching effects."

Naval Engineers Plan Banquet. The American Society of Naval Engineers is to hold a banquet Saturday evening, March 25, at 7:30 o'clock at the Army and Navy Club.

Sues Because Auto Was Wrecked. Because her automobile was wrecked n a collision with an electric car at Douglas, Va., October 17 last, S. Heler Fields has filed suit in the District Supreme Court to recover \$1,500 damages from the Washington and Old Domin ion Railway. The plaintiff says she lost the revenue for three months, as lost the revenue for three months, as she used the machine for hacking pur-poses. Attorneys L. H. David and Da-vid Wiener appear for the plaintiff.

'STEP TOWARD WAR.' MR. LODGE ASSERTS

"It is not a remote inference," said Senator Sterling, "that the present attitude of the German admiralty in regard to the right to attack and destroy armed merchantmen without warning was encouraged, if not invited, warning was encouraged, if not invited, by the memorandum of our State Department to the entente powers, stating that this government was impressed with the reasonableness of the argument that a mehchant vessel carrying armament of any sort, in view of the character of the submarine warfare and the defensive weakness of the undersea craft, should be held to be an auxiliary cruiser.

auxiliary cruiser.

"The memorandum of the State Department suggests a dangerous and a victous principle. Without reference to any nation involved, the proposal therein contained would subordinate the intherein contained would subordinate the interests of commerce to the in-terests of the submarine, and, in con-sequence, to the interests of that na-tion whose strength on the high seas lay in the superiority of her submarine fleet.

Cites Court Decisions. Senator Sterling cited decisions of

Winthrop, Md., could be utilized by the chantman has a right to arm for defense. He continued: "If it be said that some of these de-

"If it be said that some or these decisions are old and that the practice of arming merchantmen had fallen into desuctude, I reply that the last assertion of the principle, the right is not old; the latest text writers on international law announce it as present-day law and our State Department treats it as one of the rules of international law, as much so as that rule which forbids the invasion of neutral territory by the armed forces of a belligerent."

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"Of all the peoples in the wide world
it ill becomes us to deny Great Britain
that right now or to spend one hour in
diplomatic haggling to secure her renunciation of it. Our export trade has been
growing by leaps and bounds. Each
month has been exceeding by many millions the last preceding month. The
manufacturers of arms and munitions of
war are not the only beneficiaries, but
the products of the farm, the forest, the
mine, find a foreign demand and market
never in the aggregate equaled. But
with our own poor and inadequate merchant marine how would it have been
were she not mistress of the sea?

Should Be Vigorous Protest.

"No; instead of yielding to the claims of the German admiralty, their very mention should meet with vigorous protest. Instead of denying this old right of the seas, we should now of all times vie with her or any other nation in seeking to uphold it. It is possible some danger will be incurred, but I do not much fear dangers will be increased beyond what they are at present. But I do know that let another sea horror occur in which American lives are involved, and this administration and the world will know that lives are involved, and this administra-tion and the world will know that there is a real America—not supine, apathetic and hesitating, but strong, militant, if need be, and ready to re-spond to those noble impulses of lib-erty and humanity which have been our heritage from the beginning."

Press Reports Read Into Record.

At the close of the addresses by San ators Lodge and Sterling, Senator Thomas read into the record the press reports published this morning to the effect that the United States in its submarine controversy with Germany marine controversy with Germany would accept nothing short of full and complete agreement covering all points for which it has contended as to assurances that warfare in future will be conducted in accordance with established principles of international law and that the State Department regards Germany's declaration of intention to sink all armed merchant ships to be inconsistent with previous assurances given this government.

Senator Stone to Speak Later.

recent address affecting the foreign policy of the present administration."

Senator Stone said he thought the question of armed merchant ships a debatable one, which the Senate should discuss in a broad instead of a partisan way with a view to determining "what should be the wise and just policy of this government; it he interest of international law and strice neutrality."

Heads Committee at Tome School Samuel Miller of this city is a member of the committee in charge of the

George Washington birthday dance to held at Tome School, Port Deposit Md., this evening. Other members of the committee are Hallett W. Thorne of Chicago, chairman; John G. Watson Centerville, Md.: Robert P. Bradford Wilmington; Ralph M. Lamade, Wil-liamsport; Morton B. Sterling, Salt Lake City; Warren G. Skinner, Moline, Ill., and Eugene Van Horn Weems, Winchester, Va.

Chief Justice Covington to Speak. J. Harry Covington, chief justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, is announced to speak at a meeting of the Georgetown Citizens Association Monday evening at 8 o'clock at Potomac Savings Bank Hall, Wis-consin avenue and M street northwest.

New G. W. U. Law Course.

A new course in mine and irrigation law has been introduced into the curriculum at the George Washington University Law School. The course is particu larly designed for students who contemplate practicing law in western states. The subjects are being taught by Judge W. R. King, chief counsel for the reclamation service, and at one time chief justice.

Class of '15 Elects Officers. These officers of the class of 1915 of the Georgetown University Law School were elected at a meeting at the law school last evening: F. G. Gardiner, president; Fred Stohlman, first vice president; John J. Honan, second vice president; G. S. Christ, secretary-treasurer, and Louis Grieb, C. E. Morganston, Fred D. Glesler, W. B. Young and J. A. Carey, executive committee.

To Sing for Serbian Relief. Mrs. Mamie Rysanck Touler, con-

ralto, will sing Slavonic songs at the meeting to be held in the Belasco meeting to be held in the Belasco Theater Sunday afternoon on behalf of the Serbian mislon of relief to the people of the United States, where his excellency, Cheddo Nijatevich, former minister to the court of St. James, and Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst will speak. Mrs. Ellis Logan will head the ushers, who are all members of the Daughters of the Revolution.

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JAMES H. WELCH DIES; FLOUR INSPECTOR HERE

Funeral Services Held This Morning at Chapel at Oak Hill Cemetery. Survived by Daughters.

definitely in stating its position on this subject, however, and referred to the fact that an impression had become old, resident of Georgetown for the widespread in this country that it might yield to the German contention. died suddenly Wednesday of paralysis Not a Remote Inference, He States. Funeral services were held this morning at 11 o'clock, at the chapel at Oak Hill cemetery, Rev. J. H. Blake officiating.

Mr. Weich was born in Lynchburg. Va., in 1841, and lived there until 1860 when he removed to Georgetown, where he engaged in the manufacture of flour. Under the firm name of Welch Bros. Milling Company he operated the old Columbia mills. Upon his retirement from the milling business he was appointed flour inspector for the District, which position he held at the time of his death.

Five daughters are living—Mrs. S. Sewell Classi, Mrs. J. Frank Jones and Miss Louise Welch, all of this city, and Mrs. Walter C. Carroll of Glen Eche, Md., and Mrs. Bruce Aldridge of Baltimore.

TORPEDO-CARRYING AERO MAY WORK REVOLUTION

British Flier Said to Have Sunk Transport by New Method of Naval Warfare.

An event which may be almost a revolutionary of methods of naval warfare as was the appearance of the Monitor in Hampton roads has just been reported to naval officials here under cover of a private letter from an American naval officer who has been closely watching the military operations of the allies at Gallipoli and in the Aegean field Storey's testimony that Collier' sea. One passage in this letter thus

sets out the incident:
"A friend of mine, for some time a
guest on the British fleet in the Aegean,
told me that a British hydro-aeroplane,

told me that a British hydro-aeroplane, carrying a torpedo between pontoons, flew over the Gallipoli peninsula and alighted in the Sea of Marmora, heading for a Turkish transport. It released its torpedo and sank the transport. This is absolutely a fact."

For some time past experts of the Navy Department have been working out plans for the use of submarine torpedoes in connection with flying machines. So far as is known this use of the hydroaeroplane by a British aviator as a vehicle for transporting and discharging torpedoes is the first case upon record where the thing has been done with success.

REPRISALS ARE OPPOSED BY THE ENGLISH CHURCH

LONDON, February 18 .- The Church of England has taken a stand against a policy of reprisal. The bishops in convocation at Canterbury Cathedral adopted a resolution against air raids "which have as a deliberate object the killing or wounding of non-combat

"We feel," said the Archbishop of Canterbury, "that one of our foremost desires surely is that, when by the mercy of God this fearful conflict comes to an end, we should enter upon a discussion of a settlement with clean hands—that we should have nothing there of which to be ashamed."

The Bishop of Bangor alone opposed the resolution.

JURY STILL DELIBERATING.

Sully-Hammond Million-Dollar Damage Suit Not Yet Decided.

The jury in the suit of Daniel J. Sully, the former cotton king of New York, against John Hays Hammond, millionaire mining expert, for \$1,500,000 damages for alleged attempt to destroy Sully's reputation as a cotton expert was still connight.

The trial has occupied about five veeks, and was made necessary by a cormer mistrial about a year ago bestice Stanord. ney Gittings & Chamberlin represented Mr. Sully, and Attorneys Mc-Kenney & Flannery and George P. Hoover appeared for Mr. Hammond.

HOLLANDERS ARE MENACED.

Dikes Still Holding, But Waters Are Reaching High Stage. AMSTERDAM, February 18. - The

fleed situation causes the gravest anxthe past twenty-four hours water at several places has reached the highest stage of the present winter. The inhabitants of some districts around Amsterdam show signs of leaving, and many who during the previous flood remained in their houses are now coming into Amsterdam.

V. Pattle, Georgia avenue and Park road. Active pallbearers were John C. Nalle, Active pallbearers were John C. Nalle, Roscoe C. Bruce, John C. Bruce and Maj. James E. Walker. The honorary is the basement, where, it is stated, quantitles of drugs and a supply of wood alcohol were stored, and much of the damage in the store resulted.

Wilkinson. points have all held thus far. During

AUTO REPAIR BILL, \$1,367. Department of Labor Also Paid \$326 for Maintenance.

What may be a record-breaking au tomobile repair bill will come to light lations, began a hunger strike in her cell here today. She says she is a martyr and is being persecuted. executive and judicial appropriation bill are published. While Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor was before the subcommittee of the House in charge of that bill Representative
Stafford of Wisconsin undertook to find
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the purchase of an automobile for the
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Or a hospital for the Russian army. Among the signers to the Robert L. Bacon, Nicholas Murray Butler, Robert McCormick, Alton B. Parkler, Robert McCormick, Alton B. P

Selecting the Lorimer Jury. CHICAGO, February 18 .- August J Tadda was selected tentatively today as the fifth juror to try William Lorimer, charged with wrecking the La

shown so far.

Mr. Lorimer, who was in attendance again, said he hoped there would be little delay in starting the actual trial.

EXCUSED TO OBSERVE FATHER'S 92D BIRTHDAY

There have been all kinds of excuses for absence asked for and granted in the House of Representatives, but Representative Ashbrook of Ohio turned up at seen teday with a most us one. He asked to be excused for five days in order to attend his celebration. The request was, of course, granted, and members present burst into applause out f compliment to the elder Ash-

FOR BRANDEIS HEARING

Sessions Are Adjourned Until Tuesday Morning, When Bostonians Will Be Heard From.

No witnesses were ready to be heard oday before the Senate judiciary subcommittee considering the nomination of Louis D. Brandels to the Supreme Court and today's hearing was abandoned.

The next hearing will be next Thursday morning. Next Tuesday Austen G. Fox of New York, who has taken charge of the opposition to the nomination on behalf of fifty-four Boston citizens, will submit in executive session an outline of what he intends to present and a list of witnesser which will be summoned for Thursday.

At an executive session of the con mittee today a request by Mr. Fox that Mark Sullivan, editor of Collier's Weekly, be called to testify on Moorepaid Mr. Brandeis for his appearance in the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry, was held in abeyance to give Mr. Fox and G. W. Anderson, who represents the committee, an opportunity to agree, if possible, on a statement which would obviate the necessity of calling Sulli-van.

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As a mark of the government's appreciation of the ability of Mr. Handhard, it is expected that he will be recognized as a chokunin official, which places his rank only second to that of a mabassador and requires imperial sanction for his appointment.

Two From Interned Ship, Who Came to Washington, Not to Be Held.

Frank Kulch and Eugene Leinthaler, the two Germans from the interned ship Vaterland at New York, who were approximately niving the places his rank on the country in violation of the contract labor law, have been ordered released by Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor. Since their arrest they have been confined at the immigration station at Ellis Island.

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The two men, it seems, read an advertisement of an employment agency while aboard their ship, technically. German territory, came ashore and got a position in this city. Labor men promoting the strike here complained to the immigration officials and they were promptly taken into custody and sent to Ellis Island.

The Germans could not be sent back to the old country on account of the war, so the only thing the government could have done was to keep them at Ellis Island until after the war, or, if the war did not end within a year, they could have been released. The Secretary decided that the violation was a technical one, and that the men were willing to work, and decided to admit willing to work, and decided to admit

LODGES A COMPLAINT.

Charles L. Morris Alleges Rate for Electric Current Is Discriminatory. On the ground that the rate is discriminatory Charles L. Morris has lodged with the public utilities com-Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign sidering its verdict at a late hour this relations committee, announced that he afternoon. The case was submitted to would address the Senate some time next the jury at 3 p.m. yesterday by Justice electric current to army and navy offcers residing in Washington at the rate sold are to be auctioned off just before of 6 cents per kilowatt hour. Private the close. consumers are chared 10 cents per kilowatt hour.

OBSEQUIES FOR PROF. LAYTON. mr. Morris claims that it a reduction in rate is made in favor of army and navy officers it should apply to all government employes. Formerly the lighting bills of army and navy officers were paid directly by the government. The accounts are now kept in the names of individual officers and bills are rendered accordingly. ed accordingly.

Drug Store Suffers Damage by Fire.

Fire of unknown origin about noon

Harmony cemetery. Various organiza-Drug Store Suffers Damage by Fire. today did more than \$2,000 damage to iety, although the dikes at critical the stock in the drug store of Norval V. Pattie, Georgia avenue and Park

> Wealthy Widow on Hunger Strike PORTSMOUTH, Ohio, February 18.-Mrs. Clara G. Foster, wealthy widow jailed for refusal to pay a hundred-dol lar fine for violation of sanitary regu

Asks \$225,000 for Russian Hospital. NEW YORK, February 18 .- An ap peal was issued here today by the

Reading Hour for the Blind. Miss Joanna A. Bubler of Lynn, Mass., is announced to read at the reading hour tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the National Library for the Blind.

Found Dead on Floor of Home. Nathaniel Watson, colored, of 2124 Florida avenue northwest, found the Mrs. Ellis Logan will head the ushers, who are all members of the Daughters of the Revolution.

Mr. Lorimer, who was in attendance again, said he hoped there would be little delay in starting the actual trial.

Burgomaster Max Freed.

PARIS, February 18.—It is reperted at Havre, says the Jouvnal des Debats, that Adolphe Max, former burgo.

The maval collier Justin, at San Francisco, has been sold to N. H. Busey, fr., of New York for \$201,107. The navy purchased the vessel for \$145,000 just prior to the Spanish-American war. It break of the war and later taken to Germany, has been liberated and sent to Switzerland, where he now is.

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ASSIGNED TO BATTERY

Washington University Coast Artillery Company Given Place in the "Service." The George Washington University

elevated or "thrown into battery" and the apparatus explained.

Fort Washington is an ideal place for a summer vacation for the members of the company. It is high above the river, affording a fine breeze and a magnificent view. The fort is modernly equipped with new brick barracks, big parade grounds, a ball field and basket ball and tennis courts.

Luther W. Hawley and Charles C. Willson, both alumni of the Law School and examiners in the patent office, are the latest recruits. With the opening of the second semester other opening of the second semester other recruits are expected.

GETS IMPORTANT POST.

Mr. Hanihara Named to Place Requiring Diplomatic Ability.

At the Japanese embassy it is said the appointment of Mr. Hanihara of the embassy staff as consul general at San Francisco is in recognition of the fact that the post is one of exceptional importance, requiring the exercise of diplomatic abilities of a high order,

sador George T. Marye, resigned.
Plans are being laid for dispatching to Russia approximately fifteen additional men to carry on the work of inspecting the detention camps. That will be done in compliance with recommendations of Mr. Marye, who has complained that he did not have sufficient help to carry on the work properly. help to carry on the work properly.

MILK CAN PYRAMID FEATURES. German Bazaar Holds a Special

Matinee for Children Today. A special matinee for school children s being held this afternoon at the bazaar at Odd Fellows' Hall under the auspices of the German societies of Washington for the benefit of the widows and orphans of Germany and the

allies of that country.

A feature of the matinee is a milk pyramid, a huge pile of cans of condensed milk arranged in the center of the hall. Each child is asked to buy a can of the milk and take it home; the money from the sale is to be utilized in the milk fund for German bables.

Last night the singing of the Germania Maennerchor was a feature of the bazaar, and tonight the peace drill, under the leadership of Miss Pauline Holer, is to be repeated.

The bazaar is to close tomorrow night. All articles which have not been allies of that country.

Veteran Musical Instructor in Public Schools Buried This Afternoon. Funeral services for Prof. John T. Layton, veteran instructor in music in the public schools and for many years the assistant director of music, were

tions of which Prof. Layton was member attended.

SAY CAUSE WILL NOT SUFFER.

Woman Suffragists Not Discouraged by House Committee's Action. The one outstanding feature of the view taken by the officers of the National American Woman Suffrage Asso-fluenced by the Japanese current, there the federal suffrage amendment by the the federal suffrage amendment by the the pictures showed by the senator included a number of colored views of colored vi ciation concerning the recent action on

association toward securing the enactment by Congress of legislation for equal suffrage remains unchanged, and our work, both in Washington and in the states, will be pushed with unabated vigor."

BUCHANAN DENIES CHARGES. Addresses the House on Indictment

by Federal Grand Jury.

Representative Buchanan of Illinois day in an address to the House made a general denial of all the charges con-tained in an indictment returned against him recently by a New York federal him recently by a New York federal grand jury in connection with his activities as president of labor's national peace council. He insisted that the council never received money from "any foreign country" while he was connected with it and attributed his prosecution to the "war trafficers who desire to destroy me politically." The "war trust newspapers" had libeled him, he declared.

AT FORT WASHINGTON QUICK VOTE IS DUE SANGUINARY LOSS ON H. P. FLETCHER

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The George Washington University
Coast Artillery Company, now officially
designated as 1st Company, Coast
Artillery Corps, District National
Guard, has been assigned to Battery
Humphries at Fort Washington, on the
Potomac.

This battery is modern in every detail and consists of two ten-inch coast
defense rifles mounted on disappearling carriages, together with the necessary plotting room, observing stations
and magazines. The company recently were taken to Fort Washington aboard the naval militia vessel
Sylvia by Commander Dempf to inspect
the battery. One of the big guns was
elevated or "thrown into battery" and
the apparatus explained.
Fort Washington is an ideal place
for a summer vacation for the
members of the company. It is high above
the river, affording a fine breeze and a
magnificent view. The fort is modern
ly equipped with new brick barracks,
big parade grounds, a ball field
and basket ball and tennis courts.

Luther W. Hawley and Charles C.
Willson, both alumni of the Law
School and examiners in the patent
office, are the latest recruits. With the
opening of the second semester other
recruits are expected.

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In respect to the evidence in possession of this government of the ability to fulfill its promises and obligations relative to protecting American lives and property in Mexico, the defacto government is now in contion i

Why Information Is Withheld.

The reasons given by the Secretary for not sending to the Senate the correspondence called for by the Fall resolution on the political conditions in Mexico were as follows:

"It is not considered compatible with the public interest to transmit to the Senate at the present time the correspondence regarding political conditions in Mexico. Much of this correspondence is of a highly confidential nature, submitted by the consular officers of the United States, by diplomatic or consular officers of other gov-ernments, which have graciously con-

On page seven will be found the list of Americans slain in Mexico, as fur-nished by Secretary Lansing. OPTIMISTIC OVER MEXICO.

Resident Tells President Conditions in Country Are Good.

An optimistic report of conditions in Mexico and of the strength of the Car-White House today by G. F. Weeks, a resident of Mexico City. He said trains were running regularly through northern Mexico, and that Carranza was in complete control except in Chihuahua Monterey and other cities he visited business, he said, was normal. Mr. Weeks said reports of unsettled conditions and the weakness of the Carranza government were greatly ex-

Protest Search of Ship Zealandia. Replying to a protest by the State pleased with what they saw and heard.

Department against the search by a The game itself proved not so martial as its name would lead one to susparty from a British man-of-war of the pect, and older spectators felt that the waving flags would toward patriotism, not "militarism day pointed out that the government of

Senator Jones of Washington last

Senator Jones Shows Stereopticon Views of Washington.

evening gave more than a hundred guests of the Cairo and their friends some idea of the beauties and wealth of the state of Washington in a brief talk on the state, illustrated with numerous stereopticon views. In his opening remarks the senator quoted from the latest government weather reports to prove that the rain-fall in the larger cities of the state is less than in Washington, and to show that even in the eastern portion of the

are not the extremes of climate found cause of woman suffrage will not suffer from the postponement which was voted on that occasion.

"Postponement by committee is not a defeat for woman suffrage," says Mrs. Frank M. Roessing, first vice president of the association, and in charge of its congressional work. "It must be emphasized that there were votes enough in that particular meeting of the judiciary committee to have buried our amendment for two years instead of merely delaying committee action.

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Lipton Yacht a Cruiser. NEW YORK, February 18 .- Sir Thoms Lipton's steam yacht, the Erin which has often been seen in Amerian waters as a tender to Sir Thomas' challengers for the America's cup, is now an auxiliary cruiser in the British navy, attached to the fleet that

guarding the North sea against

Publishers for "Preparedness." in other than the English language and pledging vigorous support of a policy of military preparedness has been laid before the Senate by Vice President Marshall. The letter asserted that military preparedness was the only guarantee of continued liberty and national honor and the best method of indemnifying the nation from infringement of its rights.

Nicaraguan Treaty Considered. Consideration of the Nicaraguan treaty was resumed in the Senate today behind closed doors, Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, purposing to get a vote on its ratification before ad-journment, if possible.

Germans Claim Repulse of **Enemy Advance South** of Ypres.

BERLIN, February 18, via London, 3:24 p.m.—The British have made a new attempt to retake the position south of Ypres, Belgium, recently captured by the Germans, but were beaten off with heavy losses, it was officially announced today. The army headquarters statement says: "Western theater of war: The Eng-

lish again attempted to recapture their

positions to the south of Ypres, but were repulsed with sanguinary losses. "To the northwest of Lens and to the north of Arras we carried out success ful mining operations.

"A small German detachment returned from a nocturnal expedition against English positions near Fouquevillers, north of Arras, with a few prisoners."

"Directly south of the Somme an attack by fresh French troops broke down under our fire.

"On the remainder of the front there were more or less lively artillery duels, but no incidents of any especial importance.

portance.
"Enemy aerial attacks in Flanders were immediately returned by our aviators with the aerial bombardment of Poperinghe."

British Success Claimed.

The British official statement on the ampaign in the western zone, issued

last night, says:
"Early this morning the enemy sprang two mines, one near Fosse 8. the other south of Loos. After the explosion of the latter the enemy attempted to occupy the crater, but was driven back by our fire. We hold the near lip of the crater.

"Today our artillery bombarded the enemy trenches near the Hohenzollern redoubt and east of Armentieres. Between the Ypres-Comines canal and the Ypres-Comines rallway the situation in unchanged."

French Statement.

The following official communication

was issued by the French war office last night: "In Belgium destructive fires were directed against the German organizations in the direction of Steenstracte and in ront of Boesinghe.

"In Artois, in the neighborhood of the road to Liele, the enemy exploded a mine, the crater of which we occupied. Between Soissons and Rheims our batteries shelled moving troops in the region of Conde Sur Aisne and bombarded German works to the north of Soissons.

"There was feeble artillery activity on the rest of the front."

FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY IS HONORED BY KIDDIES

Fairbrother Kindergarten Tots Celebrate With Children at Neighborhood House.

Children of the kindergarten of the Fairbrother School, 10th and E streets outhwest, were guests this morning of the children of the kindergarten of Neighborhood House, 470 N street birthday of George Washington. Adorned with soldier caps of their own making and wearing badges bearing the shield of the United States, the children SAYS U. S. EXCEEDS RIGHTS.

Played games all the morning and generally made themselves at home.

"Soldier boy" seemed the favorite game of boys and girls alike. The large room at Neighborhood House presented a gay scene while this game was

Miss Kent in Charge,

Mexico and not the government of the United States had the right to protest in such a case because the alleged offense against international law occurred within the territorial waters of Mexico. As the British government already has reached an understanding with the Mexican government it regards by Miss Ruth Khontz. About fifty children. ready has reached an understanding with the Mexican government it regards the incident as closed.

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Views of Washington. the program, and the simplicity of the menu, which consisted large cakes, seemed to detract in no cakes, seemed to detract in no wise from the enjoyment of the youthful-very youthful—ones at tables. Small Misses Christine Smith and Hazel Bauckman served the cakes. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Neligh, superin-tedents of Neighborhood House, were in general charge of the morning's program.

ASKS FOR \$25,000 DAMAGES.

W. H. Holmes Charges Mr. Peters With Declaring Him Insane. John A. Peters, representative from

Maine, is named defendant in a suit

to recover \$25,000 damages filed today

in the District Supreme Court by William H. Holmes. It is alleged that Mr. Peters, February 20, 1915, preferred a charge of insanity against the plaintiff. The charge was dismissed three days later, it is said. Through Attorney Ralph E. Walker,

Through Attorney Ralph E. Walker, Mr. Holmes says he was arrested January 30, 1915, and notified Representative Peters of his predicament. He tells the court that Mr. Peters promised to secure his release from custody, but that he did not come near him. He asserts that while he was being held in jail Mr. Peters made a written charge of mental derangement against him. The charge was dismissed. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant well knew that he was not insane, as he had known him many years. Germany Has Manganese Substitute. BERLIN via wireless to Sayville, N. .. February 18 .- Among the items given out for publication by the Over-

BERLIN, February 18 .- "Reports from

Stockholm," says the Overseas News Agency, "are that there, are in Gothen, burg a total of 58,000 parcels bound for England which have been retained by the Swedish government as a meas-ure of reprisal against British viola-tion of Swedish mails."